

PIERCING CAPE COD. DRAINING FLORIDA, TOO.

Frank A. Furst, the Dredger,
Tells of Big Everglades Job.

HE GIVES A LAND TIP It's Southern Maryland, Where a Living Can Be Had by Little Effort.

Frank A. Furst, who is digging the Cape Cod ship canal and draining the Everglades of Florida, has been at the Imperial attending the annual meeting of the Dredge Owners Protective Association, at which he is president. This association consists of twenty-five owners of dredges throughout the United States who are engaged in channel and harbor work of all kinds.

"This association," said Mr. Furst yesterday, "was founded some years ago for self-protection; in other words to prevent as far as possible the Government going into the dredging business. For the last ten or twelve years the younger engineers of the army have been invading our field, and as \$30,000,000 is invested by private individuals in dredging plants we have not felt that we should be singled out for annihilation. This association does not come together to make a price for us to fight each other on that, as is shown in the bidding for contracts."

"Everything has been going up but the price of dredging, and this is now lower than it has been for many years. All the work secured from the Government in the last six or eight years has been below the estimates furnished by the Government engineers, sometimes as much as 50 per cent. All we ask of the Government is to be allowed to demonstrate that we can do the work more cheaply than it can."

"The Cape Cod canal will be finished by the end of next year," said Mr. Furst in answer to a question. "As for the Florida Everglades, there is now higher water down there, the rainy season having come early and retarded progress. The Everglades work will cost the State between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 by the time we have contracted to do it is completed. The State pays the cost mainly by selling land and taxing people who have already bought land which will be benefited."

"We shall finish the work next year. One of the canals is now completed. It is 100 feet wide, 10 feet deep, and 10 miles long, running from Lake Okechobee to the Atlantic coast. There are still four others of similar size to be finished."

"You see, the cause of the overflow of the Everglades is Lake Okechobee itself. This is a basin for the drainage of all southern Florida. There is only one way to get the water out of this basin, and that is by a narrow and tortuous stream and cannot begin to do the work demanded of it. The canals which have been dug in them, and the production of twenty-two feet above the sea level."

"Our work down here is concerned only with the drainage canals. In order to make the drainage complete lateral canals and ditches will have to be built. However, there are already places toward Lauderdale where a number of farms have been started, and where the production is satisfactory, the soil being very rich. Of course the work of getting through the swamps has been attended by all sorts of difficulties, but it is a hard job. It would take a whole day to get a mile survey made, the ground being muddy and water covering much of it."

"Then of course there have been the snakes I ever saw. They never met man in the water before apparently and they will swim right up to you and sting you. Many of our men have been bitten, but there have been no fatalities. You see, we have a preparation for snake bite, not the familiar kind, but something a good deal different. It is a small bottle of medicine which is injected into the work all right. Of course the place is overrun with alligators, many of them of tremendous size. I saw one the hunters killed last night. It was a large one, but the forest there is filled with birds of the most brilliant plumage, and as for ducks and geese and swan I never imagined so many had been so close to me in there. I have been to make a rich bag."

"Since I have been working in the Everglades I have found no traces of the crocodile, more than a legend about about as populating the swamp, but of course there are lots of Seminoles Indians, and I want to say that these are superior men, more intelligent than any I have ever seen. In the three years I have been going down here, but there are many more living in the swamps, and many more in the Everglades. As the negroes you get in southern Florida are not good workers."

"But I can't see, went on Mr. Furst, why so many people will stay in the Everglades. I have found with me that the best way to find a leading when so much nearer most of them when they find that can be bought cheaply, is good for raising almost anything with a good deal of fertilizer, but which nobody has ever tried to grow. I refer to the land in southern Maryland."

Last year I bought in St. Mary's county an acre known as the Point Farm. I paid a big price for it, because I made the purchase mainly to get hold of vast deposits of gravel, which is the kind described in connection with the building of the Panama Canal. But all through St. Mary's and Charles and Calvert counties there are farms of good land which may be picked up for a song. I have seen a lot of it, and a quantity of land at \$10 or \$15 an acre and most of it is within easy reach of Baltimore or Washington and you can raise almost anything on it with a good deal of energy and money you would have to put on some of these Florida propositions which have been advertised so far."

"The water in the Potomac and Patuxent rivers, abounding with oysters and crabs and fish of various kinds, and in the coves on my place I have any quantity of waterfowl and more live in easy. You see the trouble with that part of the country has been the negro. Before the war the white man used to depend upon him for the farm work. Since that time the negro has become averse to agriculture. In the winter time he can oyster a little and catch and sell enough in a few months to keep him from having to work for anybody else. For many years a great number of the young men who were ambitious have been leaving the country to go to the cities. There is nothing to do at home. The country along the rivers down there is hard to surpass anywhere."

"Of course energy and initiative have been lacking. There has been talk lately of bringing in colonies of foreign farmers to till the land. This people are beginning to wake up, as is shown in the success of the good roads movement. That is probably one of the best places in the United States, an automobile can go to, but with the building of good roads the country is rapidly getting upon the map. Those lower counties of Maryland constitute one of the best localities I know of to go back to the land movement."

"For years, in fact ever since the war, a railroad from Baltimore to Drum Point, at the mouth of the Patuxent, has been talked about. It was actually graded lately, because there was nothing to do at home. The country along the rivers down there is hard to surpass anywhere."

COUNTRY CLUB SPORT.

Golf, Tennis and a Little Polo Chief Attractions.

Ardley Club—The finals of the tennis tournament for the gold trophy will be played this afternoon. Golfers will take part in a club handicap. There will be an open air play entitled "The Romance" this afternoon. Golf and tennis are features for to-morrow.

Baltusport Golf Club—Golfers will play the qualifying round for the golfers cup. They will be the first round for the trophy of eighteen or more. The first round for the secretary's cup will also be played. The tennis courts are in good condition for play.

Bethesda Country Club—Golf and tennis will be the attractions this week-end. Essex County Country Club—Polo players will have some practice games this afternoon. Golf and tennis will attract many for the week-end.

Greenwich Country Club—Tennis, golf and squash will be the features this week-end. Morris County Golf Club—There will be lots of golf and tennis to-day and to-morrow. Country Athletic Club—Baseball between teams of the Englewood Field Club and the home team will meet this afternoon. At tennis the finals for the ladies' championship and the finals in the junior tournament will be played. Two cups are presented by Frank Turnbull.

Richmond County Country Club—Golf and tennis and some horseback riding will attract many members to the clubhouse to-day and to-morrow.

Tuxedo Club—Golf, tennis and polo are to-day attractions. A table d'hôte dinner will be served in the clubhouse this evening and afterward there will be a dance. To-morrow there will be tennis, golf and polo.

Sleepy Hollow Country Club—Tennis will be the only sport patronized by members this week-end.

Tuxedo Club—Golfers will be very active to-day and to-morrow. Many too will be fishing. The Englewood Field Club and the home team will meet this afternoon. There will be a dance in the clubhouse this evening. To-morrow there will be tennis and polo.

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Y. M. C. A. CHANGES.

Closer Cooperation With the Churches is One of Them.

New York associations of the Y. M. C. A. will put into effect as early as possible recommendations made by the international committee marking important departures in association work. Laymen as religious speakers and workers are increasingly used, but associations in New York have come to feel that too much has been assumed by the salaried officials and too little chance afforded the volunteer.

With the results of a men and religion campaign available and larger interest by laymen, associations now conclude that their salaried men must be leaders and little more. They are, under the new orders, to get other men to work, not merely workers themselves. The question of leadership in the line of religion has been pushed in all cities and associations are ordered to serve the churches in hunting up and training Christian men for practical work.

For some years, especially in the largest cities, religious work has been maintained. During the recent men and religion campaign heads of these departments were the subject of public discussion. The proposition is to abolish these departments. Religious work is more and more to be the basis of a separate department and not be needed.

Another new order of associations relates to the churches. For a number of years association secretaries have failed to make reports of numbers of members by their meetings and have so picked up and loaded. Close cooperation is wanted. A new association handbook is preparing. It is expected to have in the hands of association workers by September 1. In this new book the changes will be emphasized.

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As the Camp Fire Club Over-
runs Ernest Thompson
Seton's Estate.

HORSE PACKING CONTEST And Other Good Exhibitions by Artists, Doctors and Un- tired Business Men.

Cos Cob is back on the map again between Greenwich and Riverside, Conn. A large part of Wall Street is up there shooting bears, throwing tomahawks and spearing sturgeons; well known and ordinarily house broken physicians are knocking one another out of canoes backward; artists are lighting fires without matches and telling yarns in their light; lawyers are catching bass and lumbago—in other words, the Camp Fire Club of America is holding its fourth annual field day at Ernest Thompson Seton's home at Wyndygol, Cos Cob.

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WOMEN'S CLUBS CONVENE.

5,000 Members of Federation Ex-
pected at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21.—With the arrival to-day of the President's special, bearing Mrs. Philip N. Moore, general federation president, and other officers of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, the ten days convention that will bring 5,000 clubwomen together in San Francisco fairly under way.

The township Governor to-day brought Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, first vice-president of the federation, and Mrs. Frank N. Shiek, corresponding secretary. Both came from Los Angeles and will be followed by several hundred southern California clubwomen.

Aside from serious subjects under discussion, the National Federation of Women's Clubs is a gathering here for a ten days convention, beginning Monday morning, much time has been devoted to a social programme.

Gov.-Gen. FORBES ILL.
Philippines Official Ordered to Cancel All Engagements.

BOSTON, Mass., June 21.—Gov.-Gen. W. Cameron Forbes, who has not fully recovered from the effects of an illness which he had in the Philippines last autumn and winter, has been advised by his physicians to cancel all of his engagements after to-day and to take a complete rest in some place where he cannot be reached by telephone or telegraph.

Mr. Forbes's physician, Dr. J. S. Dicker, says his illness is not serious and that his patient will be himself again in a short time.

JURY OF MINISTERS
Philadelphia Clergymen Impanelled in Auto Accident Case.

PHILADELPHIA, June 21.—Coroner Knight of Philadelphia county to-day broke all precedents, political and other, when he impaneled a jury of the most prominent clergymen in the city to conduct the inquest upon the death of Miss Julia Ryan, who was run over and instantly killed by an automobile. The ministers are leaders in their respective denominations and include all sects.

These six ministers will sit in judgment upon the case of a woman who was killed by an automobile. The inquest is being held at the residence of the deceased, Miss Julia Ryan, who was run over and instantly killed by an automobile.

Under this conviction, apparently the first of its kind, it will be the responsibility of members of families residing in different States to send each other foodstuffs as presents without first having submitted the same for inspection. This will eliminate the usual carriage and trunk puzzle of a piece of which invariably finds its way to follow away from home.

MRS. STRAUS LEFT \$250,000.
Sons File Application.

An application for letters of administration on the estate of Mrs. Isidor Straus was filed yesterday by the four sons, Jesse, Isidor, Herbert and Percy Straus. Their petition stated that she left no will and had an estate of \$250,000.

Ellen Bird, maid for Mrs. Straus, said in an affidavit that she last saw Mr. and Mrs. Straus on the deck of the Titanic, and that they told her to get into a lifeboat.

FRIARS AT PHILADELPHIA.
Frolic on Streets, at Baseball Park and in Theatre.

PHILADELPHIA, June 21.—The Friars Club, 150 strong, full of jokes and energy and ready to entertain to the limit, reached Philadelphia this morning for their annual frolic, headed by a band, they marched through the streets. They were given a warm greeting. They marched to Shibe Park, where they were met by a large crowd of fans. They played a game of baseball and won.

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JOHN THATCHER'S FUNERAL.

Mayor's Tribute to the Late Super-
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